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#### MORE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CAREER PERSONNEL PROMOTED

The promotion of additional career employees to key posts in the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife was announced today by Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife Ross L. Leffler of the Department of the Interior.

Abram V. Tunison, chief of the branch of game-fish and hatcheries, was named Assistant Director for Fisheries, and Lansing A. Parker, assistant chief of the branch of Federal Aid, Assistant Director for Wildlife. The promotion of another career employee, Daniel H. Janzen, regional director of region 3, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Director of the Bureau was announced last Friday.

Staff appointments in the Office of the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, were also announced by Secretary Leffler. Dr. O. Lloyd Meehan, who has been Assistant to the Director, Technical Staff Services, was named director of the Office of Program Review, and Robert A. Wells, also assistant to the director, was named director of the Office of Information.

All appointments are effective on March 1.

Mr. Tunison, a native of Geneva, New York, received a B. S. degree from Cornell University in 1930. For a year he was engaged in trout feeding experiments for General Seafoods Corporation in New England. Then he returned to Cornell and received a Master's degree in nutrition in 1932. From 1932 to 1944, he was employed by the New York State Conservation Department as a junior aquatic biologist at Cortland, New York, conducting research into trout nutrition and "in-service" training for fish culturists and hatchery superintendents.

He transferred to the employ of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in 1944 as a fish management technician at the same station which is cooperatively operated by the Service, New York and Cornell. On December 3, 1945, he was promoted to assistant chief of the branch of game-fish and hatcheries and transferred to the central office. He was promoted to chief of the branch in 1954.

Mr. Parker, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, he is a graduate of the School of Forestry of the University of Minnesota in 1935, with a B. S. degree. He began his wildlife career that same year with the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture in the old C. C. C. program.

From 1940 to 1943, he was with the Minnesota Division of Fish and Game, first directing game research and then coordinating the Federal Aid program. He was with the Rubber Development Corporation of the R. F. C. in Brazil during 1943-1944 and then after six more months with the Minnesota Division of Fish and Game, handling the Federal Aid program, he joined the Fish and Wildlife Service staff as a land acquisition and development specialist in the Federal Aid Branch. He was promoted to assistant chief of the Branch in 1948.

Dr. Meehan, born in Iron River, Michigan, received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Minnesota and his Ph.D. in zoology at Ohio State. After a short period of teaching interspersed with a stream pollution survey for the Duluth, Minnesota, Water and Light Department, he joined the staff of the old Bureau of Fisheries as a Biologist in 1930. Stationed mostly in southern States, he conducted research into pondfish propagation, lake management and ecology of waters until he was transferred to the central office, then in Chicago, as assistant chief of the Division of Fish Culture, later the Branch of Game-fish and Hatcheries, of which he became Chief in 1945. In 1954, he was promoted to the position of assistant to the director, technical staff services.

Mr. Wells, a native of Watertown, New York, attended Cornell University and was long a newspaperman and conservation columnist with the Watertown (New York) Times before joining the staff of the State of New York Conservation Department, of which he was Secretary from 1946 to 1955. For more than 20 years active in conservation in New York, he was one of the organizers of the Northeastern Waterfowl Association and the Joint Waterfowl Committee of the Atlantic Flyway. He was formerly vice chairman of the National Waterfowl Council.

In 1954, he received the Charles Banks Belt Award for the outstanding contribution to waterfowl conservation in the Atlantic Flyway. He joined the staff of the Fish and Wildlife Service as an Assistant to the Director in 1955.

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